



# ***CITY NEWS***

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## **\*\*\* Media Advisory \*\*\***

**WHAT:** Arkansas River Corridor Access Plan Public Meeting

**WHEN:** Tuesday, February 13 from 7 – 9 PM

**WHERE:** Minisa Park Shelter, 704 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
(west of the Arkansas River on 13<sup>th</sup> Street)

## **Public Meeting to Guide River Accessibility**

WICHITA – The Arkansas River Coalition, several municipalities, counties, and various user groups, are developing a Master Plan for recreational use of a 100-mile reach of the Arkansas River from Oxford, KS to the Reno/Rice County Line. The Master Plan will provide a blueprint for developing access points at desired intervals in a way that protects the natural amenities and character provided by the Arkansas River while maximizing cost-effectiveness of limited funding resources. Residents are encouraged to be part of planning to discuss possible recreational use on the Arkansas River such as canoeing, kayaking, hiking, biking, wildlife viewing and fishing.

The guiding vision of this project is: “to establish the Arkansas River as a premiere recreational amenity for the state and for the region.” This vision holds the promise of economic development, enhanced recreational opportunities, and protection of natural resources and water quality.

Other meetings held in the region include a meeting in Oxford, Kansas at the Oxford High School from 7 – 9 PM on Monday, February 12. Another meeting will be running concurrently in South Hutchinson, Kansas from 7 – 9 PM on Monday, February 12 at the Mennonite Church at 808 South Poplar Street. The Wichita meeting on February 13 will be the third regional meeting. Additional meetings will be scheduled in April.

Detailed plan information can be viewed at the City of Wichita website at [www.wichita.gov](http://www.wichita.gov) or by clicking here: [www.visioneeringwichita.com/arkriveraccess](http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/arkriveraccess). For more information about the plan or the meeting, contact Larry Hoetmer, Park & Recreation Department at 316.268.4179.

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